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From: "Mueller-Solger, Anke@DeltaCouncil" <anke.mueller-solger@deltacouncil.ca.gov>
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Date: 12/19/2011 03:25 PM
Subject: RE: Re: IEP directors meeting

Stephanie et al,

Pamela just called me. She really wants to come tomorrow & say her piece. I said please do, as part of the estuaries portal item, quite informally & brief. & then again more formally with actionable proposal/brief & own, longer agenda item in March. As we talked about. Did you end up meeting with her after all, Steph?

From our conversation: She thought that the IEP should become part of the RMP. I thought it should be the other way around. She seems worried that this would mean loss of Board control over the RMP. I said don't worry – eg DWR has a lot of control over the EMP, DFG over the fish surveys. She asked what about stakeholders? I said MLAG/ISG. Or another, separate one, if needed. (I actually think it would be quite fun/lively if we regularly had some dischargers in with our contractor stakeholders..)

It seems to me like she might want to incorporate the IEP in what's called the Delta RMP so she can give the RMP instant programmatic content – voila! Success! Like with IEP info content for the Delta Pulse. Except it's still work for someone – like me right now, just sent Thomas a bunch of comments on his IEP graphs... & am working on this Pulse article, finally. I think I already got me a new boss in my boss collection*, even though Pamela/the CV board haven't even become official IEP members yet....

March: do you all think that it would be good if in addition to RMP-IEP we could also talk about CVRWQCB membership? The IEP MOU runs out again in September, right? Phil Isenberg wants the DSC to join, too. We should probably talk about this at CTs soon & then do a "potential new member roundup."

Kelly, is Chuck Bonham going to be there? He should probably be briefed a little on this/told that Pamela will come & wants to talk a bit.

Greetings, Anke

*PS: now also includes a white rabbit as of last night. Unexpected, Gonzalo & Luisa's idea (Xmas gift for Luisa). Somehow seems fitting though. I now also work for a white rabbit. Gives me something to pull out of my many hats.

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From: Stephanie Fong [mailto:SWFong@waterboards.ca.gov]
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Pamela canceled our meeting this morning, so I have no idea if she plans to attend tomorrow or not, and will not likely not know beforehand. Sorry.

>>> "Mueller-Solger, Anke@DeltaCouncil" <anke.mueller-solger@deltacouncil.ca.gov> 12/16/2011 10:01 AM >>>
Stephanie, I think you could simply give Pamela options (people like options): She could come on Tuesday & introduce the topic (in association with the estuaries portal item) & perhaps get a little preliminary discussion

(brief), or come for the first time in March with an entire agenda item devoted to this topic, or do both. Please do let us know what she decides to do so Bruce/Carl or Chuck Bonham (will he be there, Kelly?) can perhaps introduce her or at least know why she is there. The SWRCB person (who is coming?) could do this, too, I suppose.

& re IEP: it's funny to me how we always get to simultaneously be the "useless guys" who never produce anything useful (or worse) & the "go-to guys" for getting stuff that everyone needs done. My personal opinion: we have really great & amazingly motivated & altruistic people in the IEP (including you) and we CAN get lots of stuff done, and efficiently, too, but we are all human as well – like everyone else's, our days don't have more than 24 hours, and we have to spend at least some of that time to attend to personal matters like eating & sleeping & (oh yeah) family & such... We are just not "IEP robots." We are people.

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Subject: RE: Re: IEP directors meeting

Thank you all for this. So where does this leave me? Should I approach Pamela about going to the Director's meeting next week? She hasn't replied or contacted me since my messages last night, so I don't know what she's thinking at this point.

Thanks Anke for including me in the IEP we. You seem to be in the great minority. Your point about connecting up w/IEP doesn't mean things magically get done is probably one of the biggest struggles for me. Others think that IEP linkage=done or almost done.

>>> <Herbold.Bruce@epamail.epa.gov> 12/15/2011 12:06 PM >>>
and a fine job of leading you're doing, lead scientist. Good with me.

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Date: 12/15/2011 11:58 AM

Subject: RE: Re: IEP directors meeting

Hehe, somehow I had a feeling you would have very different povs on this, Kelly & Bruce...

So re Bruce: I didn't mean that the topic can't be brought up at the Directors meeting first, by Pamela or someone else. The Delta RMP has come up before anyway, if I recall correctly. I meant that a proposal which leads to a real action item should be developed bottom-up. Getting direction/approval from the Directors to develop this proposal (i.e. help Stephanie) might be a good thing I think, but not super necessary. I do think the CTs can pretty safely make this kind of decision.

Re Kelly: I agree it's informational right now & could definitely wait. But we do have the mostly informational estuaries workgroup item & this could, imo, be very easily (& briefly) attached to it. I suspect this would make Pamela happy, and the State Board & EPA and probably even the water contractors & hence DWR, too. There has definitely been a little bit of grumbling that the IEP hasn't stepped up more to the estuaries portal plate (as in it looks like we really do care mostly about flows & fishies, not about water quality/other stressors... not true, of course, but appearances matter). Getting a clearer WQ connection can, imo, only be helpful. We (collectively, including Stephanie, who imo is totally part of the IEP-"we") are, in effect, already doing a lot of this stuff anyway (if we/I ever get time to deal with the Pulse that is and Stephanie gets staff to work on the RMP...), but clearer buy-in/direction & portrayal of what we do would be a good thing. And ultimately, \$\$\$\$. Connecting things up with the IEP does NOT mean that all of a sudden a whole lot more work on the RMP will get done, magically, somehow. Case in point: wanting IEP stuff in the Pulse doesn't mean that it somehow all of a sudden falls from the sky. There are still IEP people needed to deal with it. So I completely, utterly, 1000% agree with your concerns about getting this done, Kelly!!!

Anyway, I guess I'm with Bruce re Pamela attending & saying a little piece, but I'm with Kelly re where to go from there.

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Anke,

I agree with most everything you said but for some strange reason, I'm acting protective over the Director's meeting. Can this please wait until next meeting? Chuck taught me to use the Directors meetings for decisions and actions. And if you just put informational items out there, they will lose interest and not attend. This is informational right now as the Coordinators and Pamela have not outlined how the D-RMP will hitch their wagon to IEP. Until that is worked out (or at least thought about some), we don't have anything for the Directors to act upon. This might not even be at that level. The Coordinators seemed relatively okay with the concept and just

need more information to flesh it out/connect the dots. The Coordinators can even sanction this work without it going to the Directors. I for one, would like to know what the CV board is going to throw into the mix to help get this done. How much commitment will it take on the part of IEP? Can we successfully accomplish everything on our plate right now (BDCP, IEP workplan and synthesis, Estuary Portal, LSZ 1st year results and coordination) ? We need to think about things first.

I'm meeting with Carl today and was going to ask about the possibility of having Adam B. assist Stephanie. We also talked some about getting the CWT or another PWT involved with the development of the monitoring plan.

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Stephanie, I think it's Pamela, not you.

I don't think the CV Board exec dir has ever attended the IEP dir meetings. But then again, I have gone to the IEP Directors meetings only for the past three years. We should perhaps ask someone who's done this longer to clarify (eg Bruce Herbold - am ccing him, also because he's currently CT chair). I really don't think that Karen Larsen ever went to these though. She didn't even go to Coordinators meetings I think - only MT/POD MT meets if I remember correctly...

But also: the past really doesn't matter that much I think. If Pamela now really wants to hook the RMP wagon to the IEP, then that's probably fine & something to talk more about at MT, CT, Dir - in that order, with a brief proposal going up, as we talked about. It didn't really seem that way previously, and I still wonder what really changed her mind now, but that, too, is probably not so important. Another issue this brings back, however, is if the CV (& maybe the Bay) Board(s) should sign the IEP MOU in addition to the State Board. This would give Pamela a clearer place at the Directors table. The CTs would need to work on this & produce another Dir proposal.

My opinion: If she really wants to come next week I think she should come. We often also have Joe Grindstaff there who hasn't signed the IEP MOU. She could (briefly) cue up the RMP for a more in-depth discussion (with some sort of action item based on whatever proposal we come up with) in March. She should be interested in the estuaries portal item and could perhaps speak (briefly) right after Val, sort of attached to the Val item.

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I think either Pamela and/or I are confused.

